

# Key West Orchid Society

Newsletter

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**Sunday, 18th February 2024**  
**1:00**  
**West Martello**

## KWOS Meetings 2024

18 February  
29 February- Fair set up  
1st - 3rd March - Fair  
21 April  
19 May  
16 June

## KW Garden Club

Meets Mondays from 9:00 to noon for potting, rooting, weeding. Stop in to help anytime you have a free Monday morning

## KW Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden

Volunteers meet at the nursery every Wednesday and Saturday from 9 to 12 for propagation and to clean up the Garden. Come in and help anytime you can.

The KWOS will hold its February meeting on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> February. Arthur E. Chadwick will speak on *Cattleya* orchid hybrids named for first ladies of the United States.

Arthur E. Chadwick is an American orchid grower and entrepreneur. He founded Chadwick & Son Orchids Inc in 1989 with his father, A. A. Chadwick, who has been growing orchids since 1943. Chadwick's has 11 greenhouses in Powhatan County, Virginia and two retail stores in Richmond. The company has been featured in *Southern Living* magazine, *The New York Times*, *O Magazine*, *CBS Sunday Morning*, and the *Washington Post*.

With his father, Chadwick co-authored *The Classic Cattleyas* which is widely considered to be the definitive book on the large-flowered *Cattleya* species (corsage orchids). Martha Stewart favorably reviewed the book and both Chadwicks appeared on her television show. Chadwick has named *Cattleya* hybrids after the wives of the last six U.S. Presidents and has personally presented the flowers to most of the honored recipients.

He has spoken at two World Orchid Conferences - France 2005, Ecuador 2017 and his monthly orchid advice column appeared nationwide in



*Cattleya* hybrid: Blc Suzanne's Hallelujah Paradise

newspapers for 20 years. Chadwick regularly speaks to horticulture groups throughout the United States and, most recently, in England.

There will be a raffle and plants for sale.

## Notices

The January meeting featured Mac Rivenbark of Mac's Orchids. A native Conch, Mac has been growing orchids in Ft Lauderdale for years, but he understands the different growing conditions here, as opposed to the mainland. He gave us many wonderful tips, and also brought many beautiful plants.

The Key West Botanical and Tropical Garden has extended an invitation to all KWOS members for a docent-led tour of the gardens in mid-March. A formal invitation will be forthcoming, and will include an informal lunch.

The Community Foundation of the Florida Keys held its annual awards luncheon on 2nd February at the Marriott Beachside, and Rochelle Eannarino, KWOS long-time plant chairman and orchid whisperer was honored along with many other community volunteers. This is the first time the KWOS has attended, and we should make a greater effort in the future. The event was packed; Misha McRae, of the Key West Botanical Garden, was the emcee, and moved things along smartly.



*Jeff and Rochelle after ceremony*



*Aerides houlettiana*

## Orchid Fair in March

Planning is well in hand for the Orchid Fair, beginning 1st March and running through 3rd March. We still need volunteers, for set up on 29th February, as well as all the days of the fair. There will be sign-up sheets at the February meeting.

Local Florida vendors will include Quest Orchids, Soroa Orchids, Mac's Orchids, Jim-N-I Orchids, J&J Unique Orchids, OFE International (Orchid growing supplies), Orchids 365 (Unique Orchid Accessories & gifts) plus International plant vendors Ecuagenera Orchids (Ecuador) and Ten Shin Orchid Nursery (Taiwan).

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